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Burt,

The LWG acknowledges receipt of EPA's comments on the draft Round 3B Biota Tissue FSP dated August 17, 2007. The LWG intends to proceed with sampling for sculpin and crayfish beginning on August 27, 2007. The sculpin and crayfish sampling will follow the draft Round 3B Biota Tissue FSP and will be conducted in accordance with EPA's comments on sample collection and processing. The LWG would like to meet with EPA and its Partners on September 4 to discuss EPA's comments on the sample collection for the other biota species, as well as the tissue processing protocols, to determine if any changes need to be made to the draft Round 3B Biota Tissue FSP. In addition, the LWG will provide an update of the field progress at the meeting. In this manner the field activities can continue while we resolve the remaining FSP questions.

Finally, but on a less time-sensitive schedule, we will need to arrange a meeting to discuss EPA's changes to the analytical program.

Please contact Laura Kennedy if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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